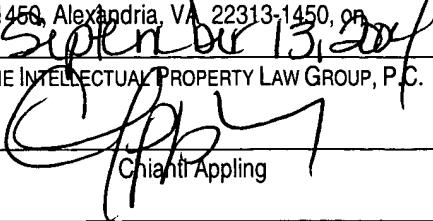


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In re application of:

**CHRISTOPHER C. BENZ, GARY K. SCOTT,
and CHUAN-HSIUNG CHANG**

Application No.: **08/978,217**

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For: **A NEW ETS-RELATED GENE
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Examiner: A. Holleran

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.